कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति की मौजूदा सूचियों में समुदायों को शामिल करने के लिए राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों/संगठनों/संघों/संसद-सदस्यों/विधान सभा सदस्यों और व्यक्तियों आदि से बड़ी संख्या में अभ्यावेदन, सिफारिशें/सुझाव निरन्तर प्राप्त होते रहते हैं।

(ख) चूंकि अनुसूचित जातियों की विद्यमान सूचियों में कोई भी संशोधन संविधान के अनुच्छेद 341(2) के अंतर्गत केवल संसद के अधिनियम द्वारा ही किया जा सकता है, अतः कोई निश्चित समय नहीं बताया जा सकता है।

Conference of Chief Ministers on reservation for SEBCs

1643. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :
SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Conference of the Chief Ministers/Governors, Lt. Governors was convened to evolve an acceptable economic criteria for the reservation of jobs for socially and educationally backward classes (SEBCs) and other economically backward sections of people ;

(b) whether the conference failed to reach any consensus or formulate ;

(c) if so, what were the views expressed in the conference ; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to resolve this important issue ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) A Conference of Chief Ministers/Governors (of States under the President's Rule) and Lt. Governors was convened on 10th April, 1992 by the Prime Minister to determine the economic criteria for identifying poorer sections among Socially and Educationally Backward Classes and other economically Backward sections not covered by any existing scheme of reservation in the context of reservation in civil posts and services under Government of India to be filled through direct recruitment.

(b) Diverse views were expressed by the States.

(c) Bihar and Tamil Nadu were not agreeable to the application of the economic criteria for SEBCs for reservation in civil posts and services to be filled through direct recruitment under the Central Government. West Bengal was agreeable to reservation based on economic criteria but not on the basis of social and educational backwardness.

(d) A decision will be arrived at after careful consideraton.

Karnataka's request for financing of irrigation projects

@ 1643-A. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : **Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :**

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government had requested for financing of irrigation projects of national importance and if so, what are the details of the proposals received, indicating by when this was received and what is its present position ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that permission was sought for issue of bonds for rising the needed funds ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c) Requests were made by the Government of Karnataka in May, 1990

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and October, 1991 to the Union Government for examining the possibility of establishing an Irrigation Development Bank at the National level so as to mobilise additional resources for the irrigation sector. Alternatively, it was proposed by the Government of Karnataka that they should be permitted to float irrigation bonds. For providing financial assistance for projects, the Central Government had examined the possibility of establishing an Irrigation Finance Corporation which was not agreed to by the Planning Commission. Alternatively, a proposal was mooted to provide outlays for special plan assistance to nationally important projects for expediting their completion. However, due to resource constraints, the Planning Commission could not accept the proposal and suggested that the issue of funding for the National Projects be first discussed with the States as the overall national kitty for irrigation sector is not going to change thereby.

Agitation by workers of Food Corporation of India

@ 1643-B. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Distribution System in the country is likely to be paralysed by the agitation of the workers of the Food Corporation of India ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to resolve the dispute and ensure proper functioning of the Public Distribution System ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Unemployed miners of Kolar Gold Fields

@@ 1643-C. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of miners working in Kolar Gold Fields in Karnataka have been rendered unemployed due to closer of some mines ; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to rehabilitate such workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) *So far no mine* workers have been retrenched in the mines of Bharat Gold Mines Limited at Kolar Gold Fields in Karnataka.

(b) Does not arise.

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[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

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